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In re application of:  
Hunt et al.

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: Group Art Unit: 2831\*

For: FORMATION OF THIN FILM CAPACITORS

: Examiner: E. Thomas\*

*\*Examiner Thomas of Group 2831, in a telephone conversation with Wayne E. Nacker, Reg. 29,571, attorney for applicant, said he would take this case as the claims being presented herewith are substantially the same as those discussed in an interview with Andrew T. Hunt (inventor) and Wayne E. Nacker in Application No. 09/283,100 on 16 August 2001.*

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
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Prior to examination, please cancel Claims 1-25 as currently on file and replace them with new Claims 37- 68, which are set forth in the Attachment.

REMARKS

Substitute independent Claims 37, 48, and 62 presented above, were discussed in relation to a "Draft" Amendment discussed in an interview 16 August 2001 between Examiner Thomas, Dean Reichard (SPE), Andrew T. Hunt (first named inventor), and Wayne E. Nacker, attorney for applicants in respect to U.S. application 09/283,100. Examiners Thomas and Reichard found the claims, as (proposed) amended, to be free of the prior art, specifically, U.S. Patent 5,027,253 to Lauffer et al., on which the final rejection of the previously submitted claims was based.